

**Instructions to the Law Officers to  
adhere to the provisions of Code of  
Criminal Procedure, 1973 and  
Rules for the Conduct of the Legal  
Affairs of Government, 1984.**

**Government of Maharashtra  
Law and Judiciary Department  
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Hutatma Rajguru Chowk, Madam Cama Road,  
Mantralaya, Mumbai-400 032.  
Date: 10<sup>th</sup> February, 2021.**

**Circular-**

It is noticed that procedure prescribed in the Rules for the Conduct of the Legal Affairs of Government, 1984 is not followed scrupulously before filing proceedings in the High Court/Subordinate Courts. Further, that the due process in law is not being followed in respect of issuance of notice of hearing to the accused or his Advocate, whenever the date of hearing is preponed.

2. All the Law officers, therefore, are directed to scrupulously follow the procedure envisaged in the Rules for the Conduct of the Legal Affairs of Government, 1984, before filing appeals, etc., in the High Court or Subordinate Courts when decision is adverse to prosecution as well as to ensure that the accused or his Advocate is duly served with the notice of hearing as prescribed in the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 and Criminal Manual, whenever hearing of the matter is preponed.

3. All the Law Officers to follow the above directions scrupulously, failing which, action in law shall be initiated.

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By order and in the name of the Governor of Maharashtra.

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Government of Maharashtra**

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1. The Public Prosecutor, High Court of Bombay and Benches at Nagpur, Aurangabad, with a request to circulate the instructions to all the AGPs/APPs.



2. All the Public Prosecutors / District Government Pleaders, (All Districts), with a request to circulate the instructions to all the AGPs/APPs.
3. 'A' Branch, Law and Judiciary Department, Mantralaya, Mumbai.
4. Joint Secretary, Law and Judiciary Department, Nagpur /Aurangabad.